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SUBJECT: RE-EVALUATION OF USG PARTICIPATION IN FIFTH
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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN INFORMAL COMMENTS FROM GOM TO
OUR INQUIRY OF APRIL 18, 1977 (REF 1). UNOFFICIAL TRANS-
LATION READS AS FOLLOWS:

A) OBJECTIVES OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS PARTICIPA-
TION IN THE IPG. THE PARTICIPATION OF MEXICO IN THE IPG
RESPONDS TO THE DESIRE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO
STANDARDIZE THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORT AND COMMERCE BY ESTABLISHING COMMON NORMS WHICH
PERMIT THE FREE AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO
INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THESE SERVICES. SINCE MULTIMODAL
TRANSPORTATION ALREADY EXISTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO REGULATE
IT IN A JUST MANNER SO AS NOT TO PREJUDICE THE INTERESTS
OF ANY OF THE PARTS.

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THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC ORDER THAT ONE FORESEES FOR
THE FUTURE CONVENTION SHOULD INCLUDE THE PRINCIPLES THAT
WILL APPLY THEMSELVES TO THIS SUBJECT, SUCH AS: CUSTOMS,
RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE, IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT ASSURES
THE REALIZATION OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT.

B) ASSESSMENT OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE PROSPECT OF PROGRESS AT FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE IPG. THE RESULTS OF THE LAST REUNION OF THE IPG (NOV. 1977) GROUP D'S MANIFESTATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE WORK PROGRESS OF THE IPG, THE GROUP OF 77'S CONTRIBUTION IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE TOPIC OF "INSURANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY" AND THE REQUEST IN THE COORDINATION GROUP THAT AT THE NEXT PERIOD OF SESSIONS THAT THE PROPOSED ARTICLES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED BY THE DRAFTING GROUP BE PRESENTED IN THE FIRST SESSION, CAUSES US TO EXPECT A SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE AT THE NEXT PERIOD OF SESSIONS. WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE IPG RESPONDS TO AN ECOSOC MANDATE, AND ITS DUTY IS TO CONCLUDE THE DRAFTING OF A PROPOSED CONVENTION. THE DISCREPANCIES (DIFFERENCES) OVER SPECIFIC POINTS CAN WELL BE LEFT FOR THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. IN PARTICULAR, GROUP B BY PROVIDING ITS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK, WOULD CHANGE ITS IMAGE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE EYES OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP OF 77. INASMUCH AS IN THE IPG THE EXISTENCE OF IRRECONCILABLE POSITIONS IS NOT YET EVIDENT, ONE CAN ONLY EXPECT PROGRESS IN FUTURE SESSIONS.

C) REACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITHDRAWS FROM THE IPG. WE THINK IT WOULD BE LAMENTABLE IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA REQUESTED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE IPG INASMUCH AS WE HAVE MAINTAINED THAT WE OUGHT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORA TO FIND THE POINTS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PEOPLES AND BY MEANS OF PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS NEGOTIATE AND CONSEQUENTLY ARRIVE AT RESULTS, THAT, WHILE NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY, CAN PERMIT THE PEACEFUL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONS. THIS HAS BEEN OUR POSITION, BOTH IN REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL FORA AS WELL AS IN FORA OF THE UNITED NATIONS; THUS IN THE OAS WE HAVE FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN THE MARITIME PORT CONFERENCES OF THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM (INTERAMERICAN PORTS AND HARBORS CONFERENCE?) AND THE AD HOC GROUP ON MARITIME TRANSPORT OF THE SCCN (SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION) OF THE IESC (INTERAMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL) WHERE A LATIN AMERICAN-USA CONSULTATION MEETING IS SCHEDULED IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE POINTS OF AGREEMENT ON MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT AT THIS STAGE AND REPORT TO THE IPG WITH A SATISFACTORY POSITION FOR THE PARTIES INDICATED. MEXICO WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE. ON REPEATED OCCASIONS, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE MANIFESTED THAT THEIR UNITY LIES IN THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER (NOT CAPITALIZED IN SPANISH), NOT ONLY MORE JUST, BUT ALSO MORE EQUITABLE. THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SHOULD

PROVIDE TO ANY HUMAN BEING THE POSSIBILITY OF A DIGNIFIED
EXISTENCE. TRANSPORTATION AND COMMERCE ARE VEHICLES OF
DEVELOPMENT THAT PERMIT PEOPLES TO RAISE THEIR SOCIO-ECONO-
MIC LEVELS. WE WOULD LAMENT VERY MUCH IF THESE IDEAS WERE
NOT SHARED.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE USA IN THE
PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED CONVENTION REFERRED TO THE IPG
IS VALUABLE IN ORDER TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT SATISFY THE
LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THIS PAR-
TICIPATION WOULD AVOID A SERIES OF JURIDIC GAPS, THEREBY
FACILITATING THE CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT CONVENTION BY
THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE.

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